21	Shri O.P. Chaudhary, Rampur (Barounsa), Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh.	Member
22	Shri Shyam Lal Tyagi, Advocate, District Court, Sonepat (Haryana).	Member
23	Prof. C. Narasimhappa, 522, Vth Main, P.J. Extension, Davangere (Karnataka).	Member
24	Shri Srikant Shirale, 112, Sagheer Bunglow, Opposite Police Ground, Model Colony, Pune - 16, Maharashtra.	Member

STATEMENT - II

The objectives of the Development Council are as under

1. Recommendation of targets for sugar production/formulation of standard specifications/guidelines to the specifications for plant and machinery or sugar factory incorporating the latest technology.
2. Through its Standing Research Advisory Committee, various research projects are recommended for funding through the Sugar Development Fund. Such projects are aimed at improving the technical efficiency of the factories as also the yield and quality of cane.
3. Through its Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards, ISS grade samples are being prepared each year conforming to specifications prescribed by BIS.
4. Act as a forum for review of Government policies with regard to the sugar industry and make suitable recommendations for the consideration of Government.

New Pricing Policy for Fertilizers

*80. SHRI SHIV RAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new Pricing Policy for fertilizers has had adverse impact on the indigenous fertilizer manufacturing Units;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of the indigenous fertilizer manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c). At present, urea is the only controlled fertilizer in respect of which subsidy is paid under the Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme (RPS). The policy parameters for the 6th Pricing effectives from 1.4.1991 are valid upto 31.3.1997. Based on a combination of norms and actuals, RPS provides for a post tax return of 12% on net-worth. The overall capacity utilization of the urea plants has shown a steady improvement in the last 3 years to attain a level of 96.7% in 1995-96.

Cell for North-East Region

554. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to create a separate cell to monitor the developmental activities of the North-East region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). There is already a Division in the Ministry of Home Affairs dealing exclusively with the North-Eastern Region. The Prime Minister himself is taking keen interest in the developmental activities of the said Region. A cell for the North-East is being created in the Prime Minister's Office. This cell would monitor and coordinate the implementation of various initiatives announced by the Prime Minister regarding the North-East.

[Translation]

Reservations for SC/ST

555. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of various categories reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant in the various Departments and Undertakings under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the employees of various categories working in Departments and Undertakings under his Ministry have been promoted in addition to the new recruitment made on some posts during the last three years;

(d) if so, details of the recruitments and promotions made on various posts in various categories during the said period, year-wise;

(e) whether the recruitment of SCs/STs has been made in accordance to the reservation rules and the SC/ST employees working there have been promoted in accordance with the reservation rules; and

(f) if not, the action being taken by the Ministry for filling up the vacant reserved posts in various categories